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Dear Mrs. Walter:

Thank you for your mailgram to the Secretary advising us of your suggestion to the Attorney General that an expeditious procedure be instituted allowing nationals of Afghanistan who are opposed to the Soviet occupation of their country to remain in the United States for renewable temporary periods.

I support this idea, which is currently being given active and serious consideration within the Department. We hope to be able to complete our review very shortly and make a recommendation to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which as you know has the operational responsibility for these matters.

I appreciate your bringing your concerns regarding this problem to our attention. I am certain that an equitable solution can be reached.

Sincerely,

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